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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Jean BEGUINOT, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1742

Confirmation No.: 2368

Examiner: not yet assigned

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For: METHOD FOR MAKING AN ABRASION-RESISTANT STEEL PLATE AND PLATE  
OBTAINED

#### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

##### MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated December 12, 2007. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-7 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

Groups I and II are related as process of making and product made. As the properties of the made product (workpiece) result directly from the process, and since the process is designed in order to obtain these specific properties of the workpiece, a single inventive concept is present per PCT Rule 13

Applicant reserves the right to file Divisional Applications directed to non-elected claims 8-13.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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